

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

December 9, 2008

An act to amend Section 27602 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 62, as introduced, Portantino. Vehicles: television broadcast or video signal displays.

Existing law makes it unlawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle if a television receiver, a video monitor, or a television or video screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business applications, is operating and is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or is operating and visible to the driver while he or she is driving the motor vehicle.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 27602 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 27602. (a) A person may not drive a motor vehicle if a
- 4 television receiver, a video monitor, or a television or video screen,
- 5 or any other, similar means of visually displaying a television
- 6 broadcast or video signal that produces entertainment or business

1 applications, is operating and is located in the motor vehicle at any
2 point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or is operating and
3 visible to the driver while driving the motor vehicle.

4 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to the following equipment
5 when installed in a vehicle:

6 (1) A vehicle information display.

7 (2) A global positioning display.

8 (3) A mapping display.

9 (4) A visual display used to ~~enhance or supplement~~ *supplement*
10 *or enhance* the driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a
11 motor vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle.

12 (5) A television receiver, video monitor, television or video
13 screen, or any other, similar means of visually displaying a
14 television broadcast or video signal, if that equipment has an
15 interlock device that, when the motor vehicle is driven, disables
16 the equipment for all uses except as a visual display as described
17 in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive.

18 (6) A mobile digital terminal installed in a vehicle owned or
19 operated by an electrical corporation, as defined in Section 218 of
20 the Public Utilities Code, a local publicly owned electric utility,
21 as defined in Section 9604 of that code, a gas corporation, as
22 defined in Section 222 of that code, or a telephone corporation, as
23 defined in Section 234 of that code, if the mobile digital terminal
24 is fitted with an opaque covering that does not allow the driver to
25 view any part of the display while driving, even though the terminal
26 may be operating.

27 (c) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a mobile digital terminal
28 installed in an authorized emergency vehicle or to a motor vehicle
29 providing emergency road service or roadside assistance.

30 (d) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a mobile digital terminal
31 installed in a vehicle owned or operated by an electrical
32 corporation, as defined in Section 218 of the Public Utilities Code,
33 a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined in Section 9604
34 of that code, a gas corporation, as defined in Section 222 of that
35 code, or a telephone corporation, as defined in Section 234 of that
36 code, when the vehicle is deployed in an emergency to respond to
37 an interruption or impending interruption of electrical, natural gas,
38 or telephone service.

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